ETHICALLY-MANUFACTURED CLOTHING RESOLUTION
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Urging the College of Marin to become affiliated with the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC) in an effort to ensure that all apparel sold at or purchased by the College of Marin is ethically made in order to reduce the risk of supporting sweatshops and unfair labor practices.
WHEREAS sweatshops pay poverty wages, and/or force workers to labor long hours without adequate compensation under threat of job loss, and/or deny workers their right to form unions, and/or fire women who become pregnant, and/or generally subject workers to dangerous working conditions;
WHEREAS sweatshops routinely employ child laborers in exploitative conditions;
WHEREAS sweatshops routinely engage in arbitrary discipline, which includes verbal and physical abuse;
WHEREAS the use of sweatshop labor is among the most blatant examples of abuse of power in the global economy;
WHEREAS the United Professors of Marin, Local 1610 AFT, (UPM) recognizes that the existence and prevalence of sweatshops worldwide represents an unacceptable affront to the dignity of human life and an unacceptable condition of contemporary society;
WHEREAS the United Professors of Marin recognizes the College of Marin to be an institution that provides moral leadership to its community;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the United Professors of Marin requests that the Marin Community College District publicly take initiative against the use of sweatshop labor in the hope that others will follow the example by:
1. Requiring that all campus vendors sell only clothing that has been certified by the Worker Rights Consortium.
2. Requiring that all College of Marin purchases of clothing be certified by the Worker Rights Consortium.
3. Requiring that the Marin Community College District include #1 above as an amendment to the contract with bookstores or any other on-campus vendors.
4. Requiring that the bookstore and any other office of the District that purchases clothing with College funds provide a list of their clothing vendors to the Students for Social Justice and the Vice President of College Operations.

Signed,

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